# HAMILTON'S WORK

issued No Checks and Kept No Account of Large Sums Paid Out.

STATEMENT THROWS NO LIGHT ON THE SHORTAGE

Iwo Witnesses Use Strong Language in Speaking of Insurance Officials.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 -Andrew Hamilthe legislative agent for the New gk Life Insurance company, who, acng to testimony, has been entrusted es hundreds of thousands of dollars by company, and has not accounted for ann has been heard from by the legisive committee, but has declined to an accounting.

#### Kept No Accounts.

statement by Mr. Hamilton was read attement by Mr. Hamilton was read in the record today. It was presented a Seretary John C. McCall of the New feek Life, who went to Paris to secure a seconting of Hamilton. In his state-part Mr. Hamilton says that he is unable spodace any books or accounts because undertook the legislative matters for life insurance company with the exact understanding that he was to make accounting. Absolute secrecy was seesary in retaining assistants, therem to checks were used in making paysits.

#### Offers a Deposit.

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It Hamilton went into an explanation of the reasons for organizing this consential service, as he characterized it, owing his methods of work, and citing timber of legislative bills in which he had been interested. A list of expenses may be a likely of the sement. The sum of \$25,000 unaccount for, he says, would be greatly reduced to his running account, still unsettled to open, and, as a matter of good faith willing a settlement, he offers to deposit 1800 with the company.

McCell Can't Explain

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Scretary McCall was questioned by Mr.
Righes as to what further light he could
have on the statement of Mr. Hamilton,
it he said he could give no information.
It did not question Mr. Hamilton's figres nor the large amounts for traveling
memors. He asked Mr. Hamilton for a
bit statement and relied on his honesty
t explain everything. He did insist that
the Hamilton produce checks or check
lets, but Mr. Hamilton said he had
me.

#### Calls Morgan a Liar.

When Mr. McCall was excused Henry Appleton of the State Insurance destinent was called. He completed his seimony begun hast Friday, and during beganination was told that Mr. Morning the company, had testified that Mr. Appleton said it would cost the Bankers Life \$200 to reincorporate. Mr. Appleton somewhat heatedly, said.

If Mr. Morgan said that he is a liar."

Green Call for Exemplers.

### Great Call for Examiners.

is F Payn, former Superintender rance of the State of New York, led to the stand late in the day, lained a large number of appoint-of confidential examiners on the that an unusual number of exminimum were made during his tenure of exminimum were made during his tenure
of size. Mr. Hughes produced a list
that showed that in 1897 two examinamade white in 1899, the last year of
the Payp's administration, the number not been brought out when adjourn-

#### Thought Burnham a Crook. Re affairs of the Mutual Reserve Life

trans were taken up with the witness, during this line of examination Mr. burnham as president of the line of the Hughes asked why he had tried to him out, and Mr. Payn flatly stated

thm out, and Mr. Payn hady cause I thought him a crook." It. Payn wil resume his testimony to

#### PROF. GORDON RESIGNS

#### sident of Howard University Suc cumbs to Opposition.

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Fighthogron, Dec. 27. The trustees of brad university today accepted the resignative for the present school year, in May, it as granted him a leave of absence from the present in the collegiate. Trederick D. Pairfield of the collegiate extent of the university, was named as president of the university and will assume the president of the university are the collegiate of the university several weeks as one of them charged that Dr. and some of them charged that Dr. and some of them charged that Dr. and some of them charged that Dr.

#### BLOODY CONFLICT CERTAIN

#### see Double Tragedy Leads to Armed Uprising.

OL. Va., Dec. 37.—News reached Bris-for a double rangedy enacted Christ-sling at Bartha, Tenn. near the Vir-bresses line, resulting in the lostant Roscoe Nichols and the fatal wound-lias Green, which has given rise to a in that section bordering on a state

itch tonight says there are a hundre in in the mountains following lead-among the friends of the dead and of ded man, and that a bloody conflict flain. During the day both factions a mathering arms and ammunition.

## Railroad Men Arrive.

Ashrond Men ArriveAshrondon, Dec. 27.—A delegation of
an railroad men, headed by J. C. Stubba,
it director of the Harriman lines who aris but loss, will confer tomorrow mornis the interatate Commerce commission
with the interatate Commerce of the
conference of the conference of the
conference will be informal and its puris will be to arrive at a better understand-

## Mexico Charters Steamer.

BUTORIA B. C. Dec. 27.—The Brillsh. Dulwich has been chartered by the data Government similarly to the British are Heunelow which recently proceeded against for coarting service on the Mexical Connection with the Tchauntepectar. The Dulwich will leave for Acapulco to the day.

## Mackay's Granddaughter Weds. kis, Dir. 37.—Princess Biannea Colonna, ker of Princess Stigliano Colonna and Anghier of Mrs. John W. Mackay, was stoday to Count Jules De Bonvouloir, echurch of St. Honore De Yiau.

# BURNS MAKES FIRST

## Vigorously Attacked by the Labor Leader.

his first public address since his entry into the Cablnet, when he opened the election campaign at Battersea tonight. in a characteristically courageous speech he said his accession to office was the elevation of his constituents to power—the honor was theirs, but the work was for him. He declared that he would pander to no section of the population, but would do his duty for the benefit of the whole community.

#### No Sympathy for Loafer.

#### Denounces Chinese Labor.

#### LOSES MONEY ON FERRY

Cost New York \$500 a Day to Own the Line.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—For the privilege of owning its own ferry to Staten Island, the city of New York is paying more than \$500 a day, that being the daily excess of expenses over receipts in the seven weeks since the city took control. From October 25 to December 18 the total expenses were \$10,255 and the receipts \$78,400. This leaves a loss of \$25,958, or \$236 a day, for the fifty-four days covered by the statement. the statement.

#### Causes of Deficit.

Increase in the number of men employed on the boats, increase in the amount of wages as compared with the rate paid when the ferry was under private ownership, together with a reduction of one-third in the number of hours of labor, necessitating three shifts instead of two, are chiefly responsible for the deof two, are chiefly responsible for the de-

#### No Excursion Profits.

Thus far the number of passengers carried since the city assumed control has averaged 23,038 a day. As the city did not begin operating the ferry until after the excursion season was over, it is believed that this average will be largely increased for the year because of the increase of trovel during June, July and August. The old boats had a record of carrying 95,000 passengers in a single day.

#### CAPTAIN FATALLY HURT

tion Army Barracks.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 -A tank containing bromide gas which was being used to operate a stereopticon lantern in the Salvation Army barracks at 6335 Haistead street, exploded tonight and fatally injured Captain Foliet, who was working the lantern, His left leg and left arm were blown off, and in addition he was severely bruised and cut about the body and head. His wife and daughter were blown through a plate glass window by blown through a plate glass wir the explosion, but both escape

### Arrested for Crime.

### ANOTHER HAZING CASE

## Be Court-Martialed.

### YERKES CRITICALLY ILL

## Hours of Well-Known Chicagoan Ap-

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Churles T. Yerkes of Chicago is critically ill at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, being kept constantly under the influence of oplates. Dr. Loomis, who has attended Mr. Yerkes since his illness began nearly six weeks ago, stated this after-hoon that unless there should come a suden change for the better Mr. Yerkes might not live more than twenty-four hours longer.

Mitchell to Face Creditors.

SAN FRANCISCO. Dec 27.—R. Brent Mitchell, the broker who failed vesterday, gave out a statement tonight in which he fully admitted his insolvency, but declared that friends had come to his rescue with financial aid and that he rescue of Mitchell's creditors will be held tomorrow, and it is expected that he will face them at that time.

#### Brakeman Is Killed.

SEATTLE Wash, Dec. 21—A. E. Campbell, a brakeman on an extra Northern Pacific freight train, was killed at Canton near here, in a rear-end collision this morning. The second extra freight crashed into the rear of the ond extra freight crashed into the rear of the first at the switch at which both trains had orders to pass a passenger. No one class was injured.

# ADDRESS OF CAMPAIGN

# 'Orientalized Imperialism" Is

LONDON, Dec. 27 .- John Burns, president of the local Government Board, made

Mr. Burns said he had such strong sympathy with all the interests of the working classes that he had no sympathy to spare for the loafer, "cadger," or drunkard. His ideal was fewer workhouses, smaller charities, larger wages, more pleasure and less drink.

In the smaller cities and in the larger villages he was already appointing committees to enable the rate-payers to have their accounts prepared in such a way that he who ran might read.

Denounces Chinese Labor.

He vigorously attacked what he called "Orientalized imperialism," of which Somailland was the fruit and South Africa the "rotten-ripe product." He denounced Chinese labor as being especially dangerous because it would lead to absolute chatteled slavery.

## Explosion of Bromide Gas in Salva-

minor bruises.

The only other person in the barracks at the time of the accident were three small children, and they escaped with slight injuries.

#### POISONED BENEFACTOR

## Young Man Commits Suicide When

FORF WORTH, Dec 27 .- A special to the Record from San Luts Potosi, Mexico, says that J. C. Hills, wanted in Stonewall county, Tex., for the murder of J. D. McGaughey, was Tex. for the murder of J. D. McGaughey, was arrested there by Deputy Sheriff Duckey and committed suicide by poisoning. Hills was accursed of poisoning McGaughey, who raised him, for \$15.00 life insurance of the company of the company held up pending an investigation. Hills who was employed in a Fort Worth bank, entered a claim for the insurance, which the company held up pending an investigation. Hills then went to Mexico. He was prominent in iccal financial and church circles. Hills was about 39 years old.

## Descendant of Commodore Decatur to

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Midshipman Stephen Decatur of Portsmouth, N. H. a member of the first class of midshipmen, is charged with complicity in hazing at the Naval scademy, and he is to be tried by court-martial. The ground for the charge against Decatur was disclosed by the investigations of the board detailed by Superintendent Sands to probe the hazing question at the institution.

Decutur is descended from the famous Commodore Decatur. He stands No. 6 in a class of 100 members and ranks as a star member.

## pear Numbered.

ODELL FEELS SANGUINE Says Conditions Look Favorable for Merritt's Election. Toright at II o'clock it was said at the otel that there has been no change. Mr. crkes's wife, son and daughter are at his diside.

NEW YORK Dec 27 -Former Gov B. H. Odell, Jr., lett for Newburgh tonight, after having spent the day in conference with E. A. Merritt, Jr., candidate for Speaker of the Assembly, and with local politicians. Mr Odell would say about Mr Merritt's candidacy only that conditions looked favorable tonight. He said be iti not know whether or not be would go to Albany before the Assembly caucus next Tuenday evening.

Mr Merritt was still in town tonight. When asked if there was any truth in the reports of a compromise be said:

"The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." Mitchell to Face Creditors.

#### Load of Coal for Alice.

IDAHO RECLAMATION

Nearly Half to Value of

Farm Property.

Change Face of Nature.

of the Boise. Here a network of canal and ditches, many of which are now is operation, will furnish water to nearly 50 square miles of country.

MAY BE LOST SEALER

Boats and Wreckage Found on Van-

couver Island.

Like Boats of the Fawn.

Captain Grant, manager of the Victoria isaling company, states that the descrip-ion of the sealing boats washed on the functional coast is similar to that the boats of the schooner Fawn, which

left Bering sea with 502 sealskins on Oc-tober 4, and never reached port.

Brings Fever From Havana.

GALVESTON, Tex. Dec. 37.—Patrick Fox, a passenger on the steamer Titile, which arrived here last Sunday from Havana, is at the John Sealy hospital isolated and thoroughly screened, suffering from yellow fover. Fortunately several heavy frosts have fullen in Galveston and the State generally, which will prevent the spread of the disease.

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 27.—The members of local union No. 3. United Mine-Workers of America, have declosed to present to Mise Alice Booaevelt as a wedding gift a carboal of the best coal that can be found in the anthracteregion, in appreciation of her father's services in ending the great strike in 1982.

## ACTOR FATALLY SHOT; MAYOR OF TUNWATER PROJECT APPROVED TROUBLE OVER WOMAN

Utah Farmer-Let'er Snow! It Means Another Bankroll for Me Next Year

#### Costs \$11,000,000 and Adds An Alleged Wronged Husband Says He Married Mrs. Leaf-Fires Five Shots at Charles H. Smith.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 - The Secre-Smith of New York City, a member of ary of the Interior today approved the Payette-Bolse project in Idaho, providing shot and fatally wounded this afternoon for the irrigation of 372,000 acres at an by F. C. Cooper of New York, a member estimated cost of \$11,000,000, or \$30 an acre. "Morris Island" company. Senator Dubols, who secured the approval of this project, is much gratified. He estimates it will add 42 per cent to the value of farm property and 37 per cent to the gross income of farms in Idaho.

#### rel between the two men over Mrs. Coop-Fires Five Shots.

Cooper was accompanied to the hotel by Harry B. Walters of Minneapolis and James Young of Chicago. He entered Smith's room, locked the door and fired five shots. Three bullets took effect in Smith's head and back. The three men then attempted to escape from the hotel, but were prevented by Richard Roberts, the clerk, who covered them with his revolver and held them until the police were called

## Finds Wife With Smith.

The plans provide for some remarkable changes in the physical conditions of the valleys. Great dams in the Payette and Boise rivers will store the floods of these streams. From the former stream a broad canal, running along a line of foothills and passing through the divide between the rivers, will carry the surplus flow of the Payette river into the valley of the Boise. Here a network of canals and ditches, many of which are now in Cooper arrived unexpectedly from Pitte-burg and found his wife in the company of Smith. An exciting scene followed, in which Smith assaulted Cooper with his dats. Cooper went out and, it is said, told Walters and Young that he wanted them to help him out of some trouble. Police Judge Phillips held the men under Econ bonds.

#### EXPAND LINDSEY'S WORK

#### New York Millionaire Would Nationalize Juvenile Court.

couver Island.

VICTORIA. B. C., Dec. 27.—The light-keeper at Carmanah Point reports finding considerable wreckage, indicating that disaster has befallen a schooner. If not also another vessel, on the rocks of Vanceuver Island. Five miles west of Carmanah two sealing boats painted lead color outside and oak stained inside were found, together with a schooner's mast, with part of the rigging attached and part of a life buoy which evidently had not been long in the water and seemed fresh painted with the letters "P. O." followed by a space where there had evidently been three other letters and then the letters "IU." special to The Tribune. Special to The Tribune.

DENVER, Dec. 27.—Judge Ben B. Lindsey, whose work in the uplifting of boys in the Denver court has made him famous has been summoned to New York by one of the city's richest men, whose name the Judge refuses to give. He says the purpose of the conference will be the discussion of plans for the Nationalization of his Juvenile court work, for which ample financial backing will be furnished when a feasible plan is formulated.

Rudding in Every City. ters "IU."
Three miles west of Carmanah part of another life buoy was found with the letters "Po" only, and the words "of Newcastle."

#### Building in Every City.

The New York philanthropist, the Judge says, contemplates an organization which other wealthy men have promised to Join, which will erect in every city a building for the home of its Juvenile Ald society. A wealthy citien has offered to erect a building here on his own account as a memorial to his boy, who died when young The local Juvenile Ald society will furnish the plan for the National organization, which will merely be an expansion of the Denyer nucleus.

#### INCREASES JEROME'S VOTE

#### District Attorney Gains Nearly 5000 by the Recount. NEW YORK, Dec. 27-District Attorney

New 10th Dec. 1-Drainet Attorney Jecome's plurality was increased by nearly 1000 over the poile returns made on election night by the official returns made public today by the Board of Elections. His plurality is 15,064, instead of 11,450, as originally ornted.

This gain was the result of corrections nade by the board of canvassers and the conting of so-called void and protested balais before Justice Gisgorich.

#### WILL PUSH LAND CASES

#### Attorney-General Appoints Special Prosecutor at Omaha.

OMAHA, Dec 37.—8. R. Eush, an attorney of this city, today received notice of his appointment by Atty. Gen. Moody as special prosecutor in the land fencing cases, with instructions to proceed with the prosecutions at once and push them discreusity. He will begin sending out subpoemas tomorrow. Court convenes January S. There are a degen or more cases yet to be tried, including some of the most important cattlemen of Nebraska and South Dakota.

#### Hyde Goes to Dear Paris.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. Dec. 27 —William Purcell, for many years editor of the Union and Advertiser, died tonight, aged 75 years.

# TELLS HIS STORY

## green Under Assumed Name of Howard.

DANVILLE, III., Dec. 27.-Charles H. ST. LOUIS Dec. 27.-In today's proceedings in the Probate court in the case the "Two Johns" theatrical company, was of Mrs. Mary Leafgreen, who is suing for one-half of the E00,000 estate left by Laclede J. Howard, on the contention that she was his wife, William D. Grandon shooting occurred in Smith's room in the | took the stand and testified that he saw Saratoga hotel and resulted from a quar- Mrs. Leafgreen and Laclede J. Howard conversing together in a prominent dry goods store here in 1963. He testified that both seemed excited and the woman had apparently been crying. When shown a photograph of Laclede J. Howard he identified it as a picture of the man he saw talking to Mrs. Leafgreen that day.

# Avers He Married Her.

The affidavit of Thomas Jefferson Miller, Mayor of Tunwater, Wash, who avers that he married Mrs. Leafgreen in Decatur, Ill., in 1883, under the name of Henry Howard, was read in court. In the affidavit Miller states that under the name of Henry Howard he met Mary Moore, now Mrs. Leafgreen, and they were married at Decatur, Ill., in 1883. Later they separated, largely because he was afraid of Mr. Lockwood, his wife's

#### Then He Weds Another.

The sflidavit further set forth that in 1890 he married Mattie K Stewart, believing that his first marriage was not binding, as he had not been married under his right name. Learning from Attorney Johnson that his first wife was living and his second marriage illegal, he separated from his second wife and instituted suit for diverce from the first, intending to marry the second as soon as the divorce was secured.

#### EMERSON AS A PROPHET

#### Harvard Hall Bearing His Name Is Dedicated.

Dedicated.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 27.—Emerson Hall, the new home of the philosophical department at Harvard university and named in honor of Ralph Waido Emerson, was dedicated today in the presence of the members of the American Philosophical and Psychological association and the various governing boards of the university. Prof. Hago Munsterberg, head of the department of philosophy, presided and the speakers were President Charles W. Ellot and Dr. Edward Waido Emerson, a son of the great American. In his address President Eliot said:

Name a Lasting One.

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"We believe that Emerson's name will be a lasting one an immortal one; not that Emerson was a philosopher or a psychologist-he was not only a systematic thinker, but more, a poet and a prophet, many of whose prophecies have already been fulfilled. He was a New Englander, hence an American in the broadest sense. He was a political seer, We find in his writings ideals of government as well as of learning. Hence, his name is appropriate to this institution and to this department of the institution." stitution.

#### Idaho Teachers in Session.

Special to The Tribune.

BOISE, ida., Dec. 27.—The Idaho Stat
Teachers association began its annual nession
here today, with educators present from ever,
portion of the State. The feature of the day' seasion was the annual address by the predent Prof. George H. Black, president of Lewiston normal school.

#### Utahns in New York. Special to The Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 - Arrivals from Lake City S. W. Warner, H. T. Carn E. M. and W. Forolin, J. A. Lloyd. Will Prosecute Officers.

# LONDON Dec. 27.—The War office has dered the prosecution of the officers concer in the South African war stores scandal.

Denver Newspaper Man Dies. DENVER, Dec. 27 - John H. Phillips, a well's known newspaper man, died here tonight of pneumonia. He leaves a widow and one child.

# BERNHARDT APPEALS TO HER EMBASSADOR

#### Asks M. Jusserand to Aid in the Fight Against Theatrical Trust.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-Through her nanagers, S. M. and Lee Shubert, Sarah Bernhardt, the actress, who is on a fareweil tour of this country, today appealed to Mr. Jusserand the French Embassador, to protest against what she terms a discrimination of the so-called theatric-al syndicate against her as a citizen of France.

#### Large Number Affected.

Charles W Strine, general representative of Mme. Bernhardt, who came to this city from New York today for the purpose, conferred with the Embassador. He represented that commercial interests were against the actress because of the opposition of her managers to the so-called syndicate and that the alleged discrimination barring her from theaters in Texas and Louisiana not only affected her, but a large number of French people in New Orleans.

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Attention was called to the John Doe proceedings now being brought against the so-called syndicate in New York by District Attorney Jerome, and Mr. Jusserand was asked to voice in those proceedings a protest against the alleged discrimination against the actress. Mr. Strine alleged that the actress was originally booked in syndicate theaters, but that the latter recently withdrew those bookings and urged that the French authorities protest against such an action.

#### Will Review the Record.

Embassador Jusserand asked for a com-plete record of the case and stated that he will then review the matter with a view to possible instructions to the French Consul in New York to take any action the latter may deem expedient. SUIT FOR BIG WAR CLAIM

Heirs Seek to Recover Value of Twenty-Five Steamboats. WASHINGTON Dec. I Secretary Shaw and the United States Treasurer are defendants in a suit instituted today in the Federal court here to recover from the Government the value of twenty-five steamboats alleged to have been taken from James E. Montgomery during the Civil war by men representing themselves to be military officers of the United States.

#### Opposed Secession.

Mr. Montgomery who is now dead, was a prominent atcamboat-owner and lived at St. Louis. The suit is brought by the trustee of the Montgomery estate who seeks to recover \$220,000 for the heirs. The petition sintes that Mr. Montgorrery opposed secession, but was compelled to cast his lot with the Confederacy, as his property interests were chiefly in Mississippi.

First to Return First to Return.

# He became a Commodore in the Confederate navy, but was the first Confederate officer to take the oath of allegiance to the United States after the war. He took the oath in the presence of Gen. U. S. Grant bis neighbor, who was the first Federal officer to congratu-late Commodore Montgomery on his return to the support of the Union.

#### JOY MORTON INJURED Chicago Man Badly Hurt by Fall

From a Horse. LINCOLN Neb. Dec 27—Joy Morton of Chi-cago who, with his family, is spending the holidays at the Morton homestead near Ne-braska City, was thrown from a horse he was riding today and badly hurt. He has been un-conscious for some hours and his condition is pronounced by physicians in attendance to be mericus.

Mr. Morton keeps a stable of horses on the
Morton homestead and he was trying to make
one of his racers take a hurdle at the time of

## CHARGED WITH MURDER

#### Professional Bendsman Accused of Coveting Neighbor's Farm.

Coveting Neighbor's Farm.

DES MOINES, Ia. Dec. 3.—William A. Carter, a professional bondsman, was arrested today on an indictment charging him with the murder of Edward J. Grosser, a farmer living south of Des Moines, who was shot through the window of his house. Gresser was last seen alive on October 2. Since that time the murder has remained a mystery. Carter's mother owns a farm adjoining the Gresser property and it is charged that a desire to own the Gresser tract on the part of Carter is responsible for the murder. Carter daimed at the time of the murder that he had been negotiating for the Gresser farm. Ball was refused and Carter is confined in the county jail.

## Banker Killed by Train.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 27.—Harry Co-son, a prominent banker at Rantoul and Th-asbore, was struck by a train at Thomasb-last night and instantly killed.

#### COURT-MARTIAL CONVENES Trial of Nevada Boy for Hazing

Opens Today. ANNAPOLIS. Dec. 27.—Lifeut.-Commander William K. Harrison, Judge Advocate of the court-marital that will convene at the Naval Academy tomorrow morning for the trial of Midshipman Trennor Coffin. Jr. of Carson City, Nev. on the charge of hazing Midshipman Jordan P. Kimbreugh of Germantown, Tenn. today served the charge upon the accused midshipman. The court will convene at 10 o'clock in the morning and it is thought that the trial of Coffin will take about two days.

## MORMONS VISIT KIRTLAND

#### Smith Party Spends Day at Historic Spot.

CLEVELAND. Dec. J.-A. delegation of twenty-nine high Mormon dignitaries, headed by Fresident Joseph F. Smith, passed through here today in a private car on a pligrimage to Kirtland. O. the birthplace of Mormonism. They had been on a trip to Vermont to dedicate a manument to the memory of Joseph Smith founder of the sect, and were on their way back to Sait Lake City. They spent the day at Kirtland and left tonight for Chicago.

#### Leaves for Domingo.

WASHINGTON Dec. 27.—The gunboat Paducah left Norfolk today for Monte Christi. The navy department has advised Rear-Admiral Bradford of her departure and that she will be at his disposal as soon as she arrives in Deminican waters. The Paducah is a sister ship to the Dubuque and will be attached to the squadron guarding American interests in the West Indies.

#### McClellan Is Sworn In. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mayor George McClelian today was sworn in as Mayor of New York City for the next four years.

### New Cabinet Formed.

LISBON, Dec. II -A new Cubinet was formed today under the Premiership of Lu-ciano De Castr

# UNCLE SAM'S MEN NEED BETTER PAY

#### Low Salaries for the Postoffice Clerks Tend to Lower the Standard.

#### MUCH EMBARRASSMENT IN THE MINING TOWNS

#### Prosperity Proven by Money Missives Reaching Dead Letter Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27-In his annual report, made public today, First Assistant Postmaster-General Hitchcock says that the low salaries paid clerks in first and second-class postoffices is decreasing the standard of efficiency. It is impossible. he says, to induce efficient men to enter this branch of the service when the salary to begin with is but \$600 a year, with no certainty of promotion for perhaps sev-

### Best Type of Postoffice.

Mr. Hitchcock strongly recommends a discontinuance of the practice of in-stalling postoffices in public buildings de-voted in part to other branches of the Government service. The best type of quarters for postoffice purposes, he says, is a single large room in a one-story building.

#### Mining Towns Embarrassed.

# Much embarrassment has been occa-sloned the postal authorities to provide emergency mail facilities in mining towns and Mr. Hitchcock recommends an emergency appropriation of \$5,600 to meet such requirements.

such requirements.

There has been an increase of more than \$18,000,000 in the amount of domestic and of more than \$5,000,000 in the amount of foreign money orders issued during the year over the one preceding. Money in Dead Letters. while the number of undelivered letters which found their way to the dead letter office during the year was smaller than during the previous year, the number of undelivered letters with valuable enclosures greatly increased. General properity of the country is given as one reason; another is the suppression by the department of concerns using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Mail for Get-Rich Concerns

Mail for such concerns containing money, money orders and commercial paper was received at the dead letter office in unusual quantities. Nearly 11,000,00 pieces of mail were received at the dead letter office during the year, including is a that failed of delivery in the Pamama canal zone.

Flood of Indecent Cards.

# Over 1,500,000 cases of alleged indecent and scurrilous matter received attention. In the summer the influx of offensive pictorial post cards became so great as to call for a special order by the department looking to the abatement of the nuisance As a result of this order many thousands of objectionable cards have been withdrawn from the mails by postmasters and forwarded to the department for destruction.

### POSTOFFICE AT TOPLIFF Changes and Appointments for Inter-

mountain States.

Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A postoffice has been established at Toplifi, Teorie county, Utah, special from Fairfield; Lorenzo Price, Jr., postimaster.

Gertrude Quiner was commissioned postmaster at Jordan and Nettie L. Comely at Toltec, Wyo.

Horatiq W. Holt was appointed postmaster at Holt, Big Horn county, Wyo., an office just established.

The following postmasters were commissioned: George W. Oylear, Leland, Ida., William H. Bridger, Wayside, Wyo.

#### IS CITED FOR CONTEMPT Portland & Seattle President Must

Show Cause in Court. Show Gause in Court.

PORTLAND, Or. Dec 27.—J. Couch Planders, president and agent in this city, of the Portland & Seattle Ralifond company, was late today cited to appear before Judge Frazer of the State Circuit court and show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court in disobeying Judge Frazer's mandate served on him Saturday directing him, the Portland & Seattle ralifond and Simms & Shields contractors to desist work of construction at the point where the Pathland & Seattle road and the new road of the Oregon Ralifond & Navigation company will cross, a few road north of this city.

Laid Tram Rails.

## Laid Tram Rails. The trestle and railroad which the Pertland & Seattle by almost herculean effort, has succeeded in constructing since Saturday, is built of light timbers and light train rails, such as are used in mines, spread eighteen inches or two feet apart.

#### DANGER IN OIL CARGOES

Steamboat Inspector Warns Against Practice in Vogue.

WASHINGTON Dec. 27.-In submitting bla nuni report as supervising inspector-general annual report as supervising inspector general of the steamboat inspection service. George Ubler expresses considerable anxiety regarding the present practice of carrying ctude performs in passenger steamers in quantities which jeopardize the safety of the ship and oassengers. Much of this oil be said is so slighly inflammable that it will flash at the ordinary summer temperature of the atmosphere.

## phere. Mr. Uhler suggests that prohibition be placed on the use of oil which will flash at less than 140 degrees. LIGHTNING'S IRONY

#### Weather Station at Northhead Completely Destroyed.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 27.—The news has just been received here that the Government weather station at Northbead, Wash, arecked by lightning Tuesday afternoon. wrecked by lightning Tuesday atternoon. Op-erator Keillher was knocked senseless tempor-arily, the meteorological instruments were d-stroyed, the house was set on fire and every pane of glass in the bullding was shattered. The telephone instruments were broken into dozens of pieces and the nickel fixtures melt-ed. The wires were burned and twisted from the building down to the cables leading to Fort Stevens. stevens.

The fire was extinguished, but it will be necessary to reconstruct the whole establish-

### Mendelssohn Takes Bonds.

ST PETERSBURG, Dec. 37.—The built of the new treasury bonds will be placed by the Berlin banking-house of Mendelssohn.